CLAIMS

- 1. An aqueous pharmaceutical formulation comprising the thrombin inhibitor HOOC- CH_2 -(R)-Cgl-Aze-Pab (melagatran), or a pharmaceutically-acceptable derivative thereof, for use by nasal administration.
- 2. An aqueous pharmaceutical formulation comprising the thrombin inhibitor HOOC-CH₂-(R)-Cgl-Aze-Pab (melagatran), or a pharmaceutically-acceptable derivative thereof, for use by nasal administration in antithrombotic treatment.

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3. The use of an aqueous pharmaceutical formulation comprising the thrombin inhibitor HOOC-CH₂-(R)-Cgl-Aze-Pab (melagatran), or a pharmaceutically-acceptable derivative thereof, in the manufacture of a medicament for use by nasal administration in antithrombotic treatment.

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4. The use of an aqueous pharmaceutical formulation comprising the thrombin inhibitor HOOC-CH₂-(R)-Cgl-Aze-Pab (melagatran), or a pharmaceutically-acceptable derivative thereof, in the manufacture of a medicament for use by nasal administration in treating thromboembolism.

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5. A method of treating a patient in need of antithrombotic treatment by nasally administering an aqueous pharmaceutical formulation comprising the thrombin inhibitor HOOC-CH₂-(R)-Cgl-Aze-Pab (melagatran), or a pharmaceutically-acceptable derivative thereof.

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6. A method of treating thromboembolism in a patient in need of such treatment by nasally administering an aqueous pharmaceutical formulation comprising the thrombin inhibitor HOOC-CH₂-(R)-Cgl-Aze-Pab (melagatran), or a pharmaceutically-acceptable derivative thereof.